

# Intercultural Understanding Guide: Uganda Culture

## **Geographic context:**

- Uganda, officially as the Republic of Uganda, is located in East Africa.

## **Religion:**

- In Uganda, most of the population is Christian, primarily divided between Roman Catholics and Anglicans.
- There is also a small population of Muslim, representing approximately 13% of the population.

## **Language:**

- Uganda has three main linguistic groups, they are the Bantu, the Nilotic and the Central Sudanic.

## **Values:**

- Most of the country, especially rural areas are considered to be highly patriarchal.
- Polygamy is still considered the norm in many areas in Uganda.

## **Communication style:**

- Ugandans generally prefer indirect eye contact when communicating with someone considered of higher social status or foreigner.
- Shaking hands is generally the most appropriate way to greet someone for the first time.
- Ugandans mostly use indirect communication.
- They often use storytelling and proverbs as common means of expressing a point.
- A sense of humor is important since people enjoy a good joke in the conversation.

## **Demographics in Australia:**

- There are 4,613 people in Australia who were born in Uganda according to the 2021 Australian Census.

## **Reference/s:**

- [Destination Uganda](#); [See Africa Today](#)

